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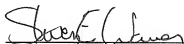
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-- JP 61-065250 A \* 4/1986 --.

COLUMN 11:

Line 21, “less” should read -- lesser --.

COLUMN 12:

Line 36, after “and” the right margin should be closed up and a new paragraph begun on the next line with “a photomask including:”

Line 41, “portion” should read -- portion, --.

Line 42, “the” should read -- wherein exposure is conducted with the --.

Line 54, “between the” should read -- between the substrate and the --.

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